

THE LONG-TAILED BLUE (*LAMPIDES BOETICUS* L.) IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IN 1976. — The 25th of July was a day to remember. The sun was just coming through and it was a warmish morning as I went into my garden here about 10 a.m. A blue butterfly flew up and settled side-view, on a tomato plant. It was a male Long-tailed Blue (*L. boeticus*), and though in good condition had evidently already flown somewhat by the look of the fringes. This appears to be a new county record, and the only British *boeticus* noticed this season. — J. H. PAYNE, 10 Ranelagh Road, Wellingborough, Northants.

THE CLIFDEN NONPAREIL (*CATOCALA FRAXINI* L.) IN DORSET. — This moth was seen at a lighted window about 200 yards from the sea at Parkstone on 11th September, 1976. The observer was Miss Brotherton, the Hon. Sec. of the Dorset Naturalists' Trust, not a moth expert, but a thoroughly reliable observer. — Dr. T. NORMAN, The Old Rectory, Winterbourne Houghton, Blandford, Dorset.

THE CLIFDEN NONPAREIL IN YORKSHIRE. — An injured specimen was found on a road at Spurn on 28th August, 1976, it having presumably been knocked down by a passing car. — BARRY SPENCE, Spurn Bird Observatory, Kilnsea via Patrington, Yorks.

ANTIGASTRA CATALAUNALIS (DUPONCHEL) IN NORTH KENT. On 28th September, 1976, Mrs. V. Taylor, who operates a mercury vapour trap at Newington, near Sittingbourne, showed me a newly captured specimen of a Pyraustid moth which I could not immediately identify. The specimen, a female, bore a superficial resemblance to *Nascia* (*Pyrausta*) *cilialis* Hübn. but did not appear to be illustrated in Beirne (1952) *British Pyralid and Plume Moths*. Recourse to the key to the genera of the Pyraustinae in Beirne showed that the specimen could not be a "Pyrausta" since the antennae were too long but agreed with *Antigastra*. I tentatively identified the moth as *Antigastra catalaunalis* (Duponchel). This identification was subsequently confirmed.

The species has a wide distribution throughout Africa, the Near East and Southern Europe and feeds as a larva on *Linaria* and *Antirrhinum* species. Several specimens have been recorded from Southern England at long intervals, for example see *Ent. Rec. J. Var.*, **62**: 88 and *Ent. Rec. J. Var.*, **71**: 138-139. — P. J. JEWESS, 378 London Road, Aylesford, Kent.

MIGRANT LEPIDOPTERA IN 1976. — *Hyles gallii* Rott., Bedstraw Hawkmoth. One larva almost fully grown was brought to this museum on 24.vii.76 by the finder Alison Roberts (age 7). It was found near Keswick, half way up Skiddaw, crawling over the turf between rocks and near to bracken.